



Kootenai National Forest

Cabinet Ranger District

Reader Gulch Trail #749

Clark Fork River Area (South side of the river)



OVERVIEW

Reader Gulch Trail #749 starts at Big Beaver Creek and follows a small ridgeline above Reader Gulch and ends on FSR 2254. Be advised that FSR 2254 is closed yearlong making the trail accessible from the bottom trailhead only.

LENGTH OF TRAIL

4.24 miles one way

ELEVATION

Beginning: 2724' Ending: 4644' Net gain: 1920'

DIFFICULTY

Moderate

FACILITIES

The lower trailhead is located adjacent to FSR 152. There is ample room for vehicles and vehicles with trailers.

DIRECTIONS

From Highway 200 milepost 37 turn west onto White Pine Creek Road/FSR 215. Proceed approximately 5.4 miles to the trailhead.

TRAIL CONDITIONS

Reader Gulch Trail #749 is a Trail Class 3 trail. The trail tread and corridor will be very well defined and visible. The trail is scheduled to be cleared every three years. Please contact Cabinet Ranger Station for current trail conditions.

USGS MAP(S)

Trout Creek #110, Helwick Peak #115

TRAILHEAD LAT/LONG

47.759 -115.600

STREAM CROSSINGS

The trail crosses Big Beaver Creek just up from the trailhead. The crossing is usually easily negotiated but can be challenging and dangerous during peak runoff.

RESTRICTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Motorized vehicles: Motorcycle use is allowed on Reader Gulch Trail #749. However motorized use is prohibited on FSR 2254. Please refer to the most current Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) for current motorized designations.

Properly possess and store all food, refuse, and other attractants pursuant to Kootenai National Forest Food Storage Order (CFR 261.58 (cc)).

Please *Pack-in-Pack out* and *Leave-No-Trace*.



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